

# Outstanding School Governor Awards 2017



Nominated Governor		Reasons For Nomination
Name:	John Carpenter	<p>John has been a governor for many years and has always been very supportive of the school and been a very effective critical friend to the head. We are currently undergoing a major building project and John has taken much of the responsibility for managing the finances and progress of this project, spending many hours of his own time ensuring the project comes in at budget and negotiating hard on the schools behalf. He has tirelessly communicated with the builders and architect and liaised with the Diocese regarding our funding, taking into account the school's needs and reporting back to the governing body. His attention to detail has been second to none and we have been greatly reassured by his diligence knowing the project is in safe hands. We could not have managed this project as well without his commitment, enthusiasm and conscientiousness.</p> <p>He has also supported the school by monitoring progress to help us achieve a good rating in our recent Ofsted and has supported the school with advice on how to manage the restricted and reduced budgets. He is also involved in helping set up the 30 hours funded nursery provision, once again ensuring we have budgeted accordingly to put this in place to offer the best provision possible and to secure the nursery provision for the future. We would like him to know his work is appreciated.</p>
School & Address	St Nicholas School, Six Hills Way, Stevenage, Herts, SG2 0PZ	

# Outstanding School Governor Awards 2017



Nominated Governor		Reasons For Nomination
Name:	Gary Griffiths	<p>Gary's service to governance in Hertfordshire started at Hockerill College where he served as both Governor and Chair. Under his leadership of that governing body, Hockerill experienced significant growth and improvement. Today's high standards at the college can in part be attributed to Gary.</p> <p>Since his retirement from Quantity Surveying, Gary has thrown himself into governance at Herts &amp; Essex, with a clear vision and genuine passion for making a difference to its rather worn and old-fashioned buildings. He provides a superb blend of strong leadership and sensitive support for both the Head and the Chair. Without Gary, we would have neither the significant sports facility development nor the Sixth Form block which are under construction.</p>
School & Address	The Hertfordshire and Essex High School, Warwick Road, Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire CM23 5NJ	

# Outstanding School Governor Awards 2017



Nominated Governor		Reasons For Nomination
Name:	Ros Jacklin	<p>Ros Jacklin is an outstanding governor (and CoG), she stepped up following a difficult and delicate situation which she helped to resolve in a level headed and diplomatic way. She has grown the governing body and keeps all members regularly informed by updates and summaries. She is diligent in maintaining an up to date training record both personally and across the governing body.</p> <p>She brings considerable experience to the role as an ex HT but acts entirely in a strategic way. She has led on the move to foundation status and she has ensured that all governors are completely informed by briefings and updates on the process.</p> <p>Under her leadership the school is in a considerably stronger position and the governing body can confidently claim to be “good”.</p> <p>She leads on safeguarding and this is overseen confidently and her visit reports are comprehensive and strategic. She encourages all governors to contribute and values all of their skills and opinions.</p> <p>I meet a consider number of CoGs and in my opinion Ros is amongst the best, she does not seek glory or thanks but just works tirelessly to support Lime Walk school.</p>
School & Address	Lime Walk, Hemel Hempstead	

# Outstanding School Governor Awards 2017



Nominated Governor		Reasons For Nomination
Name:	Geoff Strack	<p>Geoff has been a Governor for 30 years and chair at St Nicholas for 7 years. "As a safeguarding governor he regularly meets relevant staff to ensure the welfare of vulnerable children. He supports on interview panels."</p> <p>Geoff is a member of the Strategic Leadership of Governance and gave a presentation to new heads and governors on how we work together.</p> <p>Geoff is also a member of the ICT School's Planning and Working group and feedbacks safeguarding information to our school or take school based concerns to them."</p> <p>"He takes a great deal of interest in children, their books, their learning and progress."</p> <p>"He was instrumental in ensuring a governor visit was planned, diarised and carried out, completing a Learning Journal audit together, with Geoff writing the report to share with my chair. "</p> <p>"Geoff ensures that governors' questions are documented within all minutes so that the impact of sports premium and pupil premium is overt."</p> <p>"....keen to develop the roles of governors and provides excellent support for the new governors. He keeps himself abreast by attending courses. He is keen to share and update others. He arranges training for governors."</p> <p>".....he has encouraged current governors to attend training and has offered to accompany them to the training so valid and relevant discussions are personalised to our current position. He has suggested to the chair ways of recruiting and retaining new governors.</p> <p>Just sharing his extensive knowledge has given governors reflection points and points to consider without being judgemental."</p>
School & Address	St Nicholas School Elstree C of E (VA) Primary School, St Nicholas Close, Elstree, WD6 3EW.	

# Outstanding School Governor Awards 2017



Nominated Governor		Reasons For Nomination
Name:	Rodney Tucker	<p>Rodney has been a Governor of The Astley Cooper School since October 2002. Astley Cooper was formerly a National Challenge school and, over the years, has had a very mixed reputation locally and within Hertfordshire. That reputation has steadily improved and in 2016 the school was graded Good by Ofsted for the first time in its history. As the longest serving, most hard working and committed of Governors, Rodney played a crucial role in this. He has provided stalwart support to my predecessor and to me over the last six years.</p> <p>Rodney is willing to support the school in any way that he can: he regularly volunteers to be on interview panels, is on the Headteacher's appraisal committee, and has been the nominated Safeguarding Governor for many years. He attends all major evening events at the school and never fails to find something positive and supportive to say to colleagues.</p> <p>For three years, he regularly attended the HfL Action Group meeting, chaired by our School Effectiveness Adviser. Rodney rarely missed a meeting. At the same time, he became the Chair of Governors of the new Jupiter Community Free School and his services were also sought by Ashlyn's School in Berkhamstead when they reconstituted their GB. In the last three years, Rodney has therefore amply demonstrated his support for other GB's.</p> <p>I am pleased to nominate Rodney for this prestigious award - a reward richly deserved following his many years of loyal service to the schools and young people of Hertfordshire</p>
School & Address	The Astley Cooper School, St Agnells Lane, Hemel Hempstead, HP2 7HL	

# Outstanding School Governor Awards 2017



Nominated Governor		Reasons For Nomination
Name:	Jonathan Ellam	<p>Jonathan has considerable experience in education leadership; as a Governor and Chair of Governors at Woolenwick Infant and Nursery and Woolenwick Junior's prior to joining the governing body of Thomas Alleyne Academy (TAA) in July 2009. He served as Vice-Chair of the governing before becoming Chair in May 2016.</p> <p>In 2013 the school converted to an Academy and Jonathan acted as a mentor and guide to me as a new Headteacher, supporting the measures which lead to an improvement in standards and achievement. He played a key role in leading the transformation of the academy's reputation; notably we went from c.50 first choice applications in 2012, to being oversubscribed in 2017. He has supported the development and implementation of our new behaviour policy, resulting in further quantifiable improvements in both behaviour and attendance.</p> <p>In 2015 Jonathan played a key role in securing an outstanding leadership judgement in TAA Ofsted inspection. The governors' professionalism was praised in this report, "Governors question academy leaders rigorously about anything that they feel is not working as well as it should be".</p> <p>Jonathan is highly effective, offering challenge and support in meetings to promote the best interests of the school. He regularly attends training, governor in school days and disciplinary committees. Jonathan became a Director of the Hart Schools Trust in February 2016 and is on the Trust Audit Committee. As the Trust expands, Jonathan has used his previous experience to help the group, supporting Roebuck Primary school Chair of Governors through transition to academy status.</p>
School & Address	The Thomas Alleyne Academy, High Street, Stevenage, Hertfordshire	

# Outstanding School Governor Awards 2017



Nominated Governor		Reasons For Nomination
Name:	Andrew Gunning	<p>We would like to nominate Andrew Gunning, our Chair of Governors, for the HASG School Governor Awards 2017.</p> <p>Andrew is a Detective Inspector with the Metropolitan Police and as such is an extremely hardworking and busy man. Regardless of this, Andrew has been a keen supporter of St Paul's School for many years both as a parent and now as Chair of Governors. He is a well respected member of not only the school community but also the Church and he is committed to maintaining the strong links between the school and our Church. Andrew believes that this link provides a good solid basis for the children to move forward in their school career and gives them a strong ethos to take forward into their future lives.</p> <p>Andrew has driven the school forward by supporting the Head Teacher and Staff in their personal development and also has been successful in securing funding from the Diocese of St Albans to enable the school to undertake work on the school premises which would not have been possible without this support.</p> <p>Andrew brings a warmth and enthusiasm to St Paul's. He is a large personality and makes everyone feel valued whether that be a child in Reception Class or the Head Teacher! Without Andrew Gunning, St Paul's would not be the school that it is today; a successful, happy and caring place in which children and Staff alike can thrive.</p>
School & Address	St Pauls CoE Primary & Nursery School, Langleybury Lane, Hunton Bridge, Herts, WD4 8RJ	